

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace the claims of record with the following full set of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for managing a plurality of programs, the method comprising the steps of:

 providing a call processor that receives a program request initiated by a user via a key-pad device;

 establishing a communication channel with the key-pad device containing means for initiating a designated function, to generate a command signal indicative of a program desired by the user, said command signal based a current status of a corresponding television unit and an initiated designated function, ;

 establishing a separate second communication channel with [[a]] said television unit; and,

 transmitting, in response to the command signal, to said television unit for a control signal to control said television unit to display [[of]] the program desired by the user.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of authenticating the user upon the establishment of the communication channel.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the command signal comprises a signal to store a particular program in a storage medium.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of programs includes at least one of a television network, Internet network, wireless network, and wired network, or a combination thereof.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication channel is established by a phone-line connection.

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6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication channel is established by wireless connection.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the display of the program is provided interactively in response to said user's input.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the display of the program is provided interactively in response to said user's voice input.

9. (Currently amended) A system for managing a plurality of programs, comprising:

an input device having a key pad, having means for initiating a designated function, for transmitting a program request by a user, via a first communication channel, said program request being based an initiated designated function and on a current status of a corresponding receiver system, and

a controller for generating a command signal, indicative of a program selected by the user interactively and transmitting the command signal to [[a]] said receiver for display, via a second communication channel.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the controller further provides a program list selectable by the user.

11. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising a display device for displaying the program selected by the user.

12. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the display device is configured to receive incoming television programs.

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13. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the controller is configured to authenticate the user.

14. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the input device comprises a plurality key buttons to selectively transmit the command signal.

15. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the receiver is a television unit.

16. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising a storage device for storing data representative of a plurality of programs corresponding to incoming television programs.

17. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the plurality of programs includes at least one of a television network, Internet network, wireless network, and wired network, or a combination thereof.

18. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the input device further comprising a voice response device for interactively transmitting a program request by a user.

19. (Currently amended) A system for managing a plurality of programs, comprising:

a memory for storing a computer-readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

receive a program request initiated by a user via a key-pad device said key pad having means for initiating a designated function;

establish a communication channel with the key-pad device to generate a command signal reflective of a program desired by the user interactively, said command signal based on said initiated designated function and a current state of a display device; and,

transmit the command signal, via a second communication channel, to

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[[a]] the display unit for displaying the program desired by the user.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the controller is further configured to authenticate the user upon the establishment of the communication channel.

21. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the plurality of programs includes at least one of a television network, Internet network, wireless network, and wired network, or a combination thereof.